

RAILWAY FRANCHISES IN THE PHILIPPINES

Gov. Taft Reluctant in Matter
of Granting Concessions.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR FRAUD

Labor Question a Serious Matter—A Proposition to Admit Chinese Workmen Temporarily—Introduction of Negroes Politically Inexpedient.

Governor Taft yesterday continued his statement regarding the Philippines to the House Committee on Insular Affairs, devoting himself principally to the question of railroads in the islands.

The Governor said that, while some capitalists were willing to undertake railroad building, as a general rule, certain concessions were wanted. He was reluctant, he said, in the matter of granting railroad concessions, because they opened up opportunities for fraud and corruption.

Ready to Build Railways.

Governor Taft was examined closely by the members. The discussion developed that certain men are ready to begin the work of constructing railroads in the islands without aid from the Government if the franchises can be granted.

Governor Taft said that although the Commission had formulated a report recommending either land grants or guarantee of interests to railroad corporations, he himself believed that it would be better to give the Commission authority at the outset only to grant franchises without binding the Government to aid the enterprises.

Government Aid Necessary.

He thought Government aid would be necessary if railroads are to be constructed in certain parts of the islands. In other parts the prospects are alluring enough to tempt capital to build roads without Government help.

He said the House amendment to the Spooner resolution had prevented any incentive for the development of the resources of the archipelago, because no one with any sense would accept a franchise and put in money under the conditions imposed by the House amendment.

There was considerable enquiry by agents regarding timber lands, and applications for charters to build railroads. The latter, he said, were accompanied by demands for guarantees or land grants.

Power to Grant Franchises.

The Commission should be given the power to grant railroad franchises, and he recommended the law should give them the power to make conditions, and especially to approve the line selected by the company or to direct construction along a certain line. This would be necessary, in

his view, especially in case a land grant accompanied the franchise, to prevent the company from accumulating valuable timber lands without regard to the demands of commerce and the requirements of the natural and proper development of the islands.

The labor question was a serious matter. The Commission had not been able to secure a sufficient force of men to build a highway in which they were interested as opening up the way for the construction of a necessary railroad. The lack of skilled labor in the islands was engaging the attention of the Commission.

To Admit Chinese Temporarily.

Since reaching the United States, the Governor said, he had received a letter from Acting Governor Wright on the subject. The Commission and commercial bodies in Manila were discussing a proposition to admit Chinese laborers temporarily and for specific purposes, to be departed when their work was completed.

He believed that this might be done with beneficial effect upon the Philippines. In instructing them in the industrial arts, the Philippines object to unrestricted Chinese immigration, because in six months or a year the laborer develops into a trader, in which capacity he is a great success, and drives the natives out of business.

Negroes Not Wanted.

Mr. Williams (Dem., Miss.) asked if negroes from the sugar belt of the United States could not supply the lack of labor.

Governor Taft replied that, in his opinion, such a move would not be politically expedient. The Philippines had been told by these antagonistic to American rule that the negroes are treated with contempt in the United States, and they would resent association with such a class of people. The term "nigger" is a reproach to the Filipino, and he feels hurt by its application.

To further questions by Messrs. Williams and Patterson (Dem., Tenn.) Governor Taft stated, in his opinion, at present the uneducated Filipinos, who are 90 per cent. of the population, are not so well fitted for government as the negroes of the United States, but that in capacity for future development they were the equal of any people not of the white race.

UNION OF MEN'S CLUBS.

District Church Organizations Endorse Move for Federation Into One League.

At an enthusiastic meeting, Friday evening, the proposal to federate into one of our various churches federate into a league or union, received the unanimous endorsement of representatives from nearly a score of clubs, some of which had already formally endorsed the proposition, and sent their delegates under instructions to voice their approval and act for them.

A temporary committee was formed, with Judge H. B. Moulton as acting chairman, to submit their suggestions in the form of a letter, and then yield to delegates regularly appointed by the various clubs, with power to act.

Such delegates are to afterward confer as to details, prepare a constitution, and call an initial meeting of the league for effecting permanent organization. Mr. N. L. Collier, of 1006 F Street northwest, was made acting secretary.

ADMITS GETTING \$100,000.

Swindler Arrested at Navy Yard Boasts of Misdeeds.

NEW YORK, March 1.—The young woman who was arrested on the receiving ship Columbia at the Brooklyn Navy Yard on Thursday on a charge of bank swindling, boasted of his misdeeds in the Brooklyn Central office yesterday.

The prisoner at first gave his name as Clifford Hoffman, but afterward admitted that his real name was De Witt Hoffman. He has numerous aliases, some of them being James McAndrews, James Andrews, James R. Thomas, James R. Bailey, and James Raymond Barclay.

Hoffman seemed pleased at the notoriety his arrest gave him, and admitted that since last April he had swindled various banks throughout the country out of \$20,000, and that in the last two years his operations had netted him about \$100,000.

"My intention was to lie low until the storm blew over," he said yesterday. "I enlisted as a landman, but intended to take a woman's examination."

Hoffman enlisted under the name of James Raymond. He was arraigned in the Adams Street Police Court yesterday morning and held in \$1,000 bail pending extradition to Ohio. His home is said to be in Dallas, Tex., where he has a wife.

He has been under arrest, according to his own story, about a dozen times, but had always squirmed out of his troubles through technicalities.

FREE TRANSFERS FAVORED.

Commissioners Forwarded Report Upon Bill to Senate Committee.

The Commissioners have forwarded to the Senate Committee on the District of Columbia a favorable report upon the bill to provide free transfers between street railway lines in the District.

The Commissioners state that in the event of the enactment of the bill they will take care to hear all parties interested, and will endeavor to adjust schedules on a basis fair to all concerned.

ACTIVITY IN PATENTS.

Applications Lately Filed Break a Ten-Year-Old Record.

Last week promised to be the busiest the application bureau of the Patent Office has ever experienced. Up to late Friday afternoon the number of applications issued were above the record of any preceding five days during the last ten years.

The cause of this unusual increase could not be ascertained, as it is against the rule of the department to give out any information relating to patents that have not been granted.

Protest Against Change in Grade.

Mr. Henry B. McKean and Mrs. Margaret A. McKean have written to the District Commissioners protesting against the proposed change of grade in Massachusetts Avenue, and adjoining streets, in the construction of the new railroad terminal and union station. They say that their home is 529 Second Street northeast, and that the proposed changes in the grade of the streets will ruin their property with no compensating benefit.

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CRANKS HARMLESS, BUT EXPENSIVE

Source of Much Worry to
Men in Public Life.

RELENTLESS RELIC HUNTERS

Take Things Under Watchman's Very Nose—Haunt Capitol and Big Hotels Day by Day—Never Seem to Tire When on Mission.

"Some cranks are harmless, and some are dangerous; some are inquisitive, but the most aggravating of them all is the 'souvenir collector,'" said a prominent hotel proprietor the other day.

"Of course, we allow in our expense column a certain amount for articles taken by these people. It is not that so much, as it is the aggravating way in which they take things. You never know when you have a thing. They take them right under your nose and expect you to look pleasant," continued the hotel man.

"Why, they will take anything they can lay their hands on. In the dining-rooms, their napkins, spoons, sugar tongs, forks, knives, doilies—anything they can get away with. I expect if they could get it in their pockets or beneath their dresses they would take the hotel."

Women Worse Than Men.

"We do not find the men as bad as the women, especially the young lady, fresh from varsity, where she has learned this art to a much higher degree than she has the Greek or Latin phrases. In the stationery room, her pens, ink, paperweights, and like. In the bedrooms, the pillow shams, chignon covers, and little fancy articles."

"After the guest leaves the room it has to be inspected and all these things replaced. It's not so much the expense because we make it up on the bill, as it is the worry and bother of the thing," concluded the hotel man. With a sigh he turned and walked to the desk, as if he were he who had to do all the work of replacing the articles instead of simply having the hotel man do it.

Another place which is actually infested with these collectors of rarities is the United States Capitol. "There are hundreds of them here a day," said a Capitol policeman.

"We have to keep our eyes peeled all the time, for they will be chipping some part of the marble, or taking a finger from one of the brainy men posing in Statuary Hall. Once," continued the policeman, "I saw a fellow with an arm of one of the statues. How he did it, I do not know."

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sentative and Senator. I remember during the time Congress was in an uproar over the Spanish-American unpleasantness.

"They were there in the corridors around here; they wanted anything they could lay their hands on. They followed the members around, they haunted the committee rooms, they waited over and over again through the building."

"A party from one of the Western States was here when the Senator from New York was here. The Senator from New York was here when the Senator from New York was here. The Senator from New York was here when the Senator from New York was here."

"The young lady rushed around there, and told the clerk her errand. The clerk very smilingly consented to do her bidding and picked up a pen from the table where hundreds of prominent men sit within a day. She carefully wrapped it up, and tied some of the official red, white and blue ribbon around it. He then wrote upon a card, 'the pen with which Senator Blank signed the bill pending in the Senate,' and then he handed it to her."

"She is the third girl I have given that same pen to. For the life of me I could not tell whether the Senator signed his name with this or that pen. It is all the same though, those girls will never know the difference."

Then Still Another.

Just then another young lady came in. "Oh! are you the Senator's clerk?" "Yes." "Well would you mind giving me the pen with which Senator Blank signed that petition?" "Why certainly, not. You are perfectly welcome to it," replied the pleasing young man.

By this time the page had supplied a new pen in the place of the one he had just given away, and it went to the young lady to be treasured for many long years as the pen with which Senator Blank signed the bill pending.

LIEUT. TOWNLEY'S PART.

Materially Aided in the Success of the Meteor's Launching.

Friends of the Navy will be pleased to know that much of the spectacular and practical success attending the launching of the German Emperor's yacht, the Meteor III, was due to the excellent management of Lieut. R. H. Townley, of the Navy, to whom the arrangements for fitting and decorating the vessel had been entrusted.

By an ingenious combination of ropes and weights the spars which were lying upon the vessel's deck were raised as it glided from its resting place, and at the same time the decorations of flags and bunting, which had not been displayed before, were broken out and flung to the breeze, causing a startling and very brilliant effect.

The builders of the royal yacht are to be congratulated on their success and on their selection of so competent an assistant in their preparations for the auspicious event.

The bunting and flags used were loaned by the Navy Department.

STOLE HIS OWN DOG.

Tenor Broke Into a Flat and Was Arrested for Burglary.

NEW YORK, March 1.—Baby, a smooth-coated St. Bernard, valued at \$2,000, and recent winner of the first prize in the Crystal Palace bench show in London, was the innocent cause yesterday of landing her owner a prisoner in the West Side Police Court.

The owner was Arthur Caville, of 145 West Ninety-sixth Street, an English tenor, who came here to sing in a new light opera which will soon be put on at a Broadway theatre.

With Caville was arraigned John Owens, a laborer, of 750 Columbus Avenue. The St. Bernard was responsible for putting him there, too.

Caville took Baby out for an airing and lost track of her. He spent the rest of the day in a fruitless search, and continued the search on Thursday. At night he let it be known that there was \$10 in it for anyone who could tell him where to find his missing dog.

Yesterday morning a friend told Caville that he had reason to believe that Baby was in the second floor front at 750 Columbus Avenue. That is where Owens lives. Caville hurried up there early yesterday morning, but the only response to his knocks was a loud and continued barking. He knew the bark. It was Baby.

"Baby! Baby!" he called.

The St. Bernard responded with a whine that was too much for Caville, and he threw his weight against the door, breaking the lock.

"My little ten-year-old son found the dog on the street," explained Owens, "and it appeared to be lost, he brought it home."

"She weighs just 210 pounds," suggested Caville.

"And a ten-year-old boy took it home with him?" asked the Magistrate.

"Them St. Bernards saves people," spoke up Owens. "Perhaps he took my boy home."

ALLEGED WALKING BOOK.

Negro Caught by Detective With Policy Slips in His Possession.

Christopher Rodgers, a negro whom the police allege to be old policy offenders, was arrested shortly after 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon by Detective Sergeant Watson, who charged him with violating the policy law.

The detective had followed Rodgers for some days. He found on him a large number of policy slips. The negro was taken to the Sixth precinct station, where he will be held until arraigned in court.

CALLS CHICAGO'S MAYOR A LIAR.

Chief Executive Retorts That He's Not a Tillman.

CHICAGO, Ill., March 1.—"Mayor Harrison simply is a liar. That is all there is to it. This is the reply made by Fred W. Upham on the board of review to Mayor Harrison's implied charge that the board is in league with the traction interests."

Mayor Harrison will not challenge Mr. Upham. He said: "I'm not a Tillman. Because Upham becomes a boor like McLaurin is no reason why I should become a Tillman."

"GUINEA" LANGSTON A TERROR TO THE POLICE

Was Hanged for Murder of
Policeman Fowler.

Kicked Over a Red Hot Furnace in the Basement of the City Hall After His Conviction.

One of the most desperate characters with which the local police have had to contend was "Guinea" Langston, a burly negro who was hanged for murder in the District Jail ten or twelve years ago. "Guinea" was convicted of the murder of Policeman Fowler while the latter was attempting to arrest him.

Langston underwent his trial with dogged indifference, paying little or no attention to the proceedings. At that time the arrangements of Criminal Court room No. 1 were different from what they are at present. There was no stairway leading up from the prison cells in the basement of the City Hall.

Then prisoners had to be led up by way of the stairway which enters into the east corridor of the building, and were sent away by the same route. In the large cell in the basement at that time there was a great furnace used to heat the building.

After his trial and conviction, "Guinea," who was in charge of Deputy Marshal James Springman, was led from the courtroom to the cell below. There were two or three other prisoners confined there when Mr. Springman arrived with the convicted murderer. It was cold weather and the prisoners in the absence of the guard had piled on the fuel.

Kicked Over a Red Hot Furnace.

As a result the furnace was red hot. Taking in the situation at a glance, "Guinea" gave the furnace a terrific kick, overturning it. He then turned toward the door, do doubt with the intention of making his escape. Mr. Springman was too near him, however, to permit of his getting away. He grappled with the murderer and a terrific fight ensued. Assistance arrived and "Guinea" was overpowered. He was taken into another cell and chained to one of the iron bars of the grating. While thus chained, it is said that with the assistance of his teeth "Guinea" stripped himself of all his clothing. When it became necessary to remove him to the jail a piece of blanket was tied around him.

Langston, it is said, had a great horror of policemen, and his action in kicking over the furnace was due to the fact that there was a policeman present when he was led into the cell after his conviction.

Marriage Licenses Issued.

Frank C. Forney, of Baltimore, and Lillian Bowen Howell, of the District of Columbia.

Zachary Dove, of Rockville, Md., and Minnie Estelle Humm, of Baltimore, Md.

Shirley Evans and Marie Wilson. Howard Gibbons, of Newport, R. I., and Mattie B. Smith, of the District of Columbia.

An Impressive Spread of Extraordinary Bargains.

March is the gateway to Spring—and marks the season's change of tints and styles. Today we cross the meridian and cold weather weights and fabrics give way to the lines that are linked with soft blue skies and fragrant breezes. Today's store news is characteristic of the live retailing methods that constantly endure here—telling as it does of many extraordinary deals and sensational purchases. All are of supreme importance—and mark the flood tide of rare opportunity.

Dress Skirts at About Half Price.

A manufacturer's samples and several lines on hand that he wanted to close out. The biggest bargains we have ever had to offer. Just think of buying the handsomest Silk and Cloth Dress Skirts for less than the cost of making! All types are represented—one and two of a kind styles that cannot be minutely described. But the prices—

Skirts worth \$18.00 and \$20.00.....	\$10.98	Skirts worth \$25.00, \$30.00, and \$35.00...	\$18.98
Skirts worth \$10.00, \$12.00, and \$15.00.....	\$6.98	Skirts worth \$7.50, \$8.00, and \$9.00.....	\$4.98

If you want to buy a smart and stylish Dress Skirt for half price come tomorrow. Bewitchingly trimmed and finished off in the newest and handsomest fashion. Those of taffeta silk, peau de soie, and net are especially handsome. But one and all are of the most desirable styles—bright with the charm of newest style and most exclusive designing.

A Great Sale of Warwick China.

A sale of supreme importance to every Washington housewife, every hotel proprietor, and every boarding-house keeper.

Prices average a half less than regular. Why? Because we bought all of certain lots from the pottery at a figure that permits us to hand them over to you at these immense savings. Every piece is guaranteed against crazing—and is of perfect quality. Warwick China ware is known as one of the best grades of china in America. This name stands for high quality.

There are all sorts of pieces in the sale—and you can pick up many a big bargain—and replenish your supply at the same time.

4c for Breakfast Plates, with fancy edge; worth 8c.	9c for Meat Dishes, fancy edge; 15c value.	35c for Covered Vegetable Dishes; regular 50c value.	59c for Bowl & regular 90c value.
5c for Dinner Plates, with fancy edge; regular 10c value.	15c for Meat Dishes, larger size; 25c value.	29c for Fancy Tea Pots; regular 40c value.	39c for Cover & regular 50c value.
6c for extra large Dinner Plates, with fancy edge; 12c value.	25c for Meat Dishes, still larger size; 40c value.	25c for Sugar Bowls; regular 40c value.	10c for Pitcher, shaped; 15c value.
22c for Fruit Sauces, with fancy edge; 5c value.	10c for Vegetable Dishes, regular 25c value.	7c for Plain Bowls; regular 15c value.	7c for Round Nappies; regular 15c value.
14c for Individual Butters, regular size; 4c value.	15c for Vegetable Dishes, regular 25c value.	25c for large size Chamber; regular 40c value.	\$3.25 piece Decorated Warwick China Toilet Sets, with large-size soap jar, in 4 colors.
49c for Covered Soap Tureen; regular 75c value.	10c for Pickle Dishes; regular 15c value.	98c for Covered Soap Jars; regular 1.49 value.	39c for set of 6 each. Caps and Sauces; 50c value.
	12c for Gravy Bowls; regular 25c value.	5c for Soup Plates, with fancy edge; worth 10c.	

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100 rolls of Extra Heavy Quality Double-war China Matting, in a fine range of this season's newest effects, including popular bright colors. Every yard is fresh and new. Heavy, close-woven band.....	94c	50 rolls of fine Japanese Cotton-war and Extra Heavy China Matting, guaranteed reversible. Splendid assortment of the newest and most attractive patterns. Imported this season. Regular 25c quality. Sale price.....	15c	100 rolls of the heaviest Close-pleat Genuine China and Japanese Linen-war Matting, in a fine range of the most attractive colorings and designs shown this season, including the bright greens, blues, and reds; 25c and 29c qualities for.....	19c	150 rolls of Genuine Linen-war Japanese Matting. Big assortment of choicest and best effects, including Linen-war patterns, newest carpet weavings, and novelty designs, and heaviest grade seamless China close-woven and strictly reversible; 35c and 40c values for.....	22c
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Seventh and K Streets.

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"Majestic" and "Monticello" Makes at Ridiculous Prices.

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Fire in the factory of the makers of these fine Shirts—the "Monticello" and "Majestic" brands—caused the salvage stock to be sold by the underwriters last week. We were on hand—and secured by far the largest quantities and choicest lots offered for sale.

There are no better known makes than "Majestic" and "Monticello"—and every man will welcome this opportunity to supply his needs at such paltry prices. Some received a wetting or were touched by smoke. Slight faults that will "come out in the wash."

50c and 75c Shirts.....	19c	75c and \$1 Shirts.....	29c
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The very finest Shirts made—consisting of best imported Madras and Percelle, in Stiff Bosoms and Neglige styles. With separate cuffs, open front. All the newest and smartest effects—in fancy stripes; blue and white stripes, black and white stripes, and all the latest patterns and colorings are represented in a range so wide as to meet every man's requirements. These are sold and show signs of the wetting they received. Qualities sold regularly at \$1.50—49c.

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